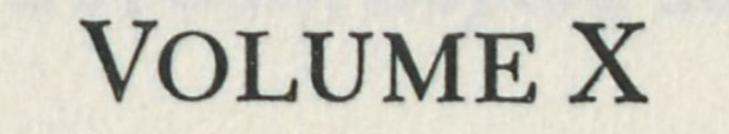
## THE COLONIAL RECORDS OF NORTH CAROLINA [Second Series]



## THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

## IN NORTH CAROLINA:

# DOCUMENTS, 1699-1741

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#### **RECORDS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**

### Kighley<sup>1</sup> Apr. 22, 1715.

#### Honored Sir

Upon letters received from his Excellency the present Governour Eden, and My Eldest son Chr. Gale I sent for son Tho. to come over, and resolve ether to go into the West Indies (as kindly invited both by the Governour and his Eldest Brother) or write his excuse, he has chose to do the latter. The work is of that nature, as I was no hindrance to his going, and could wish to go myself, (tho now aged 67) rather then Heathenisme, or any other schisme from the Church of England should prevail 3 of my sons upon their own choice, have gone to Carolina, where two of them are well married, and one dead. I have made all the enquiry in my power after some to go as Missionaries, they like the terms but dread the Voyage, and the heat of that Climate, I heartily wish, and hope Religion may be taken care for in that Heathenish Country, by those in whose power it is. Desiring my service may be made acceptable to that Honorable Society, praying for all yr. healths and happiness I conclude Worthy Sir yr. very humble Servant.

> Miles Gale Rector de Kighley

[Addressed:] To the Secretary of the Honorable Society for propagation of the Gospel in Forreign Parts.

[Endorsed:] Mr. Miles Gale Kighley 22 April 1715

ALS.

<sup>1</sup>The astronomical symbol for Friday (and Venus) is inserted here.

### [SPG/B/4]

Rev. John Urmston to Secretary, SPG 1715 June 12

12 June 1715

Sir

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I was favour'd with yours of Decembr. 17th per Captain Godfrey whom I've not yet seen, I believe he'll not be able to come so far up into the Countrey: he was but 7 weeks on the passage and I fear he is come in a wrong time, for we are in great confusion, the cause I've already given you in two letters per via Boston and Virga. this comes by S. Carolina and if the others faild, comes to advise that by an express sent from thence for our aid, we were inform'd that the Neighbouring Indians fell on Good Fryday last upon

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the inhabitants in the South parts of that Govt.<sup>1</sup> and cutt most of 'em off, after the most barbarous and inhumane murther of some of the Principals viz. Agents and Traders, who they pretend had wrong'd 'em. I wonder they should send to us, who refused to defend ourselves and had it not been for them, must have been a Sacrifice to the Enemy and stand still [indebted] to them for their kind assistance, in larg[e Summs] but equally unwilling to pay or return the kindness. If all those Nations be joyn'd I fear 'twill goe hard with us and them too: those are numerous and a warlike people: the English have taught 'em to beat their Masters. There have been seen a body of strange Indians on our borders, some say 40 or 50 but now we hear, upwards of 200: they have pitched their camp in that part of the Tuskaruroes countrey vacated by the late war, seized on a Fort and Trenches which cost us much Blood and not demolish't, (like wise soldiers that we are) they may annoy us but not to be subdued: we have a small body ready to goe out 200, pt. Tributary Indians, 150 are bound for S. Cara. and the rest to speak with these Indians and I fear we shall catch a Tartar:<sup>2</sup> they have committed some hostilities against our Tributary Indians and if we attack 'em, let the success of the other Govt. be what it will, 'Tis more than probable we shall bring 'em upon ourselves and when joyn'd by their followers will finish the ruine of this wretched place, but I must not complain either here nor in Engd.; Ive had reason, too much God knows for't and you have made me the same answer in effect that I've often received from this Gentry: if you compare former letters you'll easily guess at my circumstances. My complaints have been communicated to the Proprietors who are highly incensed against me, and have represented me as a spie to the Countrey I live in and now I am treated little better, unthankful Lords but far more ungrateful vassals; our Quaking Lds. Danson and Rag<sup>3</sup> were mightily offended with a letter of mine to you which they say I had better have let alone except I had written more like a Missionary: they may and ought to be ashamed of their famous Countrey they would have all men doe as Lawson<sup>4</sup> did, write whole volumes in praise of such a worthless place: he has had his reward: all that I can say of it is: there is not the like to it under the sun, Siberia in Muscovy, where I lately was, the Gyarij<sup>5</sup> of old are outdone by this: but if I know the circumstances or the people I am of opinion this Heptarchy<sup>o</sup> cannot stand long. For Godsake use yr. endeavours with the Society to advance me one £20, and send me credit for the same at Barbadoes or Boston. Your best way of sending to me is by way of New Engd., order yours to be left with or under cover to Ino. Jekyl Esqr. Collector of the Customs at Boston. These are from Sir Yr. most humble servant.

Jno. Urmston

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North Carolina June 12 1715

> [Addressed:] To Willm. Taylor Esqr., at his Grace th' Arch Bishop of Cant. his Library at St. Martin's in the Fields London

[Endorsed:] <13>

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Mr. Urmstond N. Carolina June 12th 1715 recd. the 20th April 1716

ALS. Read at a meeting of the SPG on November 16, 1716. Journal of the SPG, III, 178-179.

<sup>1</sup>Yamasee Indians attacked frontier settlements in South Carolina near Port Royal, and soon were joined by Creeks, Choctaws, and Catawbas in a general uprising known as the Yamasee War. Disaster was averted by the forging of an alliance between South Carolina and the Cherokee, and by early 1716 the worst of the danger had passed. Sirmans, *Colonial South Carolina*, 111-118.

<sup>2</sup>To catch a tartar: "to get hold of one who can neither be controlled nor got quit of; to tackle one who unexpectedly proves to be too formidable." OED.

<sup>3</sup>Presumably the writer is referring either to Samuel Wragg or his brother Joseph, both of whom were prominent South Carolinians, but neither of whom was ever a proprietor.

<sup>4</sup> John Lawson.

<sup>5</sup>The reference is unclear.

<sup>6</sup>Presumably the reference is to the rule of the Lords Proprietors, although there were eight proprietary shares rather than seven, as is implied by the term "heptarchy."

### [SPG/B/4]

Rev. John Urmston to Secretary, SPG 1715 June 21

North Carolina June 21, 1715

#### Sir Yours per of Xbr. 17th per Capt. Godfrey I received ten days agoe by which I

understand I must not expect any addition to my salary: tis true I am allow'd more than most Missionaries but then it ought to be consider'd that my lot is such a wretched hole as is not to be paralleld, my circumstances very mean, a numerous family, obliged to buy house, land servants and stock, at the worst hand, besides abundance of necessaries which every one must have that will live here, every thing that is useful to a Farmer, with tools for divers trades and he that cannot use them himself must hire others whose demands are very exorbitant especially of me: the fate of most Clergiemen. We pay 5 or 6 hundred Per C. for all Goods imported: £2[0] [torn] An sent yearly in English Goods would have been of more service than my whole income at the rate I've been forced to part with it, the Countrey will never be brought to make any provision for a Minister, they have all in general imbibed a Quakerlike abhorrence of hirelings, as averse to be at any charge in the saving of their Souls as their Countreys praying and fighting they equally dislike: which are at this time like to prove pernicious Tenets, for we are now in more danger than ever of being destroy'd or driven out by the Heathen. I suppose you'll have the unwelcome news e're this arrives of the loss of a great part, if not all, South Carolina; if all the neighbouring Indians be joyn'd, the Inhabitants cannot withstand 'em; all endeavours have been used to send 'em some help, but fear our men will be attacked by the way, for the Indians are coming down

upon us, have cutt off some of our friendly Indians at Cape-Fare, a small party have been seen within our Govt., so that we have too much reason to fear the worst. God

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